

# Columbia County's Older Population

## Social and Economic Characteristics

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	Columbia County		Wisconsin
Household Income (Householder Age 65+)		Percent	Percent
Income less than \$35,000	3,263	66.7%	65.2%
Income less than \$50,000	4,031	82.5%	80.4%

Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level	Number	Percent	Percent
Below Poverty	506	7.2%	7.4%
Below 2.0 x Poverty	2,214	31.4%	29.6%

Median Income: Comparing Age Groups		Dollars	Dollars
Total (Householders of all ages)		\$45,064	\$43,791
Householder 65 to 74 years		\$30,860	\$31,328
Householder 75 years and over		\$20,125	\$21,046

Employment Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force	753	23.8%	17.7%
Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force	529	12.1%	9.3%

Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
65+; Less than 9th grade	1,211	16.0%	17.8%
65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma	1,129	14.9%	15.5%
65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,363	44.5%	38.2%
65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree	1,112	14.7%	13.7%
65+, Bachelor's degree or more	742	9.8%	12.7%

Marital Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Never married	272	3.6%	4.7%
Married	4,010	53.1%	52.9%
Separated	427	5.7%	5.2%
Widowed	2,429	32.1%	31.3%
Divorced	419	5.5%	5.9%
<b>Males</b> , 65 and over, married	2,269	71.6%	71.3%
<b>Females</b> , 65 and over, married	1,741	39.7%	39.9%

Disability Status, Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Persons 65 or older with any disability	2,458	34.8%	36.5%
With a sensory disability	819	11.6%	11.9%
With a physical disability	1,707	24.2%	24.1%
With a mental disability	563	8.0%	7.6%
With a self-care disability	527	7.5%	7.5%
With a go-outside-home disability	1,081	15.3%	17.7%
Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level	274	11.1%	10.6%